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- U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(3) and 2, and one count of attempted murder in aid of racketeering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(5) and 2. Largaespada was transferred into federal custody on July 3, 2008, and presented to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James on that day. On July 8, 2008, Largaespada appeared before Magistrate Judge Vadas and Gail Shifman, Esq., was appointed to represent him. Magistrate Judge Vadas also scheduled a detention hearing for July 15, 2008. The defendant remained detained pending further proceedings.
- 2. Following the appointment of Ms. Shifman on July 8, 2008, the parties conferred regarding possible dispositions of this matter. Ms. Shifman, however, subsequently withdrew as counsel for the defendant, and on July 23, 2008, Magistrate Judge James appointed Erik Babcock, Esq., to represent the defendant.
- 3. Since Mr. Babcock's entry into this matter, he has been reviewing the matter and familiarizing himself with the case. However, because this case concerns complicated issues relating to the federal racketeering laws, and because the defendant still faces state charges arising from the same event, more time is needed for Mr. Babcock to guide the defendant through this process. As a result, the parties respectfully request an extension of the September 5, 2008 preliminary hearing date to September 23, 2008, at 9:30 am, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, and excluded the time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, to allow for the effective preparation and representation of counsel.
- 4. Although there is a public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases, the above-stated ground — effective preparation and representation of counsel — is good cause for extending the time limit for a preliminary hearing under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, for the filing period for an indictment, and for excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant the continuance would deny the defense time for effective preparation and deny the defendant effective representation of counsel.
- 5. Accordingly, with the consent of the defendant, the Court hereby: (a) vacates the September 5, 2008 preliminary hearing date and extends the time for a preliminary hearing until September 23, 2008, before the duty magistrate judge, at 9:30 a.m.; and (b) orders that the period from September 5, 2008 to September 23, 2008 be excluded from the time period for preliminary

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